

## PRAYER-MEETING.

Topic, May 1: Little Ways of Bettering the World.—Phil. 2: 12-16. Matt. 5: 13-16.

A great many people are inclined to regard cheerfulness as a purely personal matter. Our own comfort so largely depends on our habitually looking at the bright side of things, that frequently we forget how this attitude of mind affects others beside ourselves. Yet, in making a list of the little ways of bettering the world, we shall not err by placing first the possession of that cheerful heart which necessitates a bright face and cheery, inspiring speech.

Nothing good or great was ever accomplished by discouraged people. If hope is lost, all is lost. The hardest man to help is not always the most abandoned criminal, but the one who settles down to the belief that he has lost his chance for anything better. A cheerful face, with sunshine in its frequent smiles, is an inspiration even as it passes along a crowded thoroughfare. A cheerful voice which does not disdain to break at times into laughter, is like a bugle call to the hopes and exhausted faith. To attract diffidence courageously, as if they were but temporary things and success necessarily lay beyond, is as much a Christian's duty as watchfulness or prayer.

## THE WORK OF MAKING PEACE.

The blessing that Jesus pronounced on the peace-maker is the highest which can be imagined, and there are occasions when we properly magnify the office. But the world is unspeakably blessed by the efforts of peace-makers who act so unobtrusively that the majority of us never realize what they are doing. In the home life they furnish the oil which keeps the domestic machinery running without friction. They make the gentle suggestions which intercept harsh judgments. They turn the conversation away from themes in connection with which something is likely to arise to wound the feelings of some one present, and perhaps stir up strife and anger.

It has been suggested often that this world would be vastly improved if men were as ready to live for their religion as to fight for it. There is never any difficulty in arousing enthusiasm on the subjects which separate Christian workers, and under such excitement, the ties which bind them into a common brotherhood are often ignored, if not dissolved. He is helping to make the world better who scorns to take advantage of this weakness of human nature, and who, however unobtrusively he may work, is helping to unite in one resistless force the energies too often scattered and wasted for the lack of such unity.

## STEADY AS WELL AS BRIGHT.

If we are satisfactorily to fill the place of lights to a darkened world, our shining must be steady as well as bright. A can of gun powder, ignited on a hillside, will light up the face of the midnight sky, but the flash is as brief as it is brilliant. Too many Christian lives are characterized by this explosive quality. There are times of great brightness, indeed, but these are followed by a darkness all the more intense because of the contrast.

We must not expect to better the world by periodic outbursts of fiery zeal. The task, hard at best, can only be accomplished by steady, persistent effort. If, day by day, we are hopeful and patient and gentle, if we sacrifice our own desires in trifling things, if we lend a hand to those who falter or have fallen, if we cheer the discouraged, if we help to make the hearts of little children happy and to keep them pure, the world will be better because we have lived. And he who has seen us faithful over a few things will make us rulers over greater things, and welcome us to his joy.

## WHAT HE WAS PAID FOR.

A bright little boy—one of the pages of the Senate—sat at one of the Senate entrances the other day, when a lady approached him with a visiting card in her hand.

"Will you hand this to Senator Blank?" she said.

"I cannot," replied the boy, "for all cards must be taken to the east lobby."

The woman was inclined to be angry and went away muttering. Then a thought struck her, and taking out her pocketbook she found a 25 cent piece. With it in her hand she went back to the boy.

"Here, my lad," she said, in a coaxing tone, "here is a quarter to take my card in."

"Madame," said the boy, without a moment's hesitation, "I am paid a larger salary than that to keep cards out."

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Girls who have to stand on their feet most of the time work as hard as any day-laborer yet they do not get what is rightly called exercise. Close, confined, indoor occupation gives no exhilaration to the nervous system, no active circulation to the blood. It wears, tears and drags a woman's life away. The whole physical system grows sluggish and torpid under it.

No wonder so many sales girls and factory girls and housewives suffer from indigestion and constipation and all the diseases of the delicate special organism of their sex. The wonder is rather that they can stand it as well as they do.

But a poor weak woman, as she is termed, will cure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give up. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

Every woman ought to know that she may obtain the most eminent medical advice free of charge and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Chief Consulting Physician of the Invalid Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. Occupying this position for thirty years he has had a wider practical experience in the treatment of women's diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-famous for their astonishing efficacy.

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## SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

Men of business are accustomed to quote the maxim that "Time is money," but it is much more; the proper improvement of it is self-culture, self-improvement, and growth of character. An hour wasted daily on trifles or in idleness, would, if devoted to self-improvement, make an ignorant man wise in a few years, and employed in good works, would make his life fruitful, and death a harvest of worthy deeds. Fifteen minutes a day devoted to self-improvement, will be felt at the end of the year. Good thoughts and carefully gathered experience take up the room, and are carried about with us as companions everywhere, without cost or incumbrance.—Weekly Bonquet.

## COWS RESPOND TO KINDNESS.

Help in the cow stable should never be tolerated that is rough or quick-tempered. Cows love quietude. Any disturbance which excites them lessens if it does not stop the secretion of milk. It is very easy for an employee by kicking and beating a cow just before or while she is being milked to lessen her milk flow by one-half. This is called "holding up" the milk. It is really prevention of milk secretion, and the milk thus lost does not come down at any subsequent milking. Kindness and gentleness pay abundant returns in the handling of live stock.—N. E. Homestead.

Don't think that your liver needs treating if you are bilious. It doesn't. It's your stomach. That is, your stomach is really what causes the biliousness. It has put your liver out of order.

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## AN EVER-PRESENT INSPIRATION.

An elderly gentleman had waited while the audience passed out, in order to have a word with the scientist who had lectured.

"It's a relief," he remarked, cordially, "after so much discussion of political economy, to listen to you. What pleased me most about your discourse was that its subject was not money."

"No," was the answer, after some consideration. "It's subject was not money, but its object was."

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O'd Gentleman (dictating indignant letter).—"Sir: My stenographer, being a lady, cannot take down what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, cannot think it; but you being neither, can easily guess my thoughts."—Brooklyn Life.

Some people put their best foot forward so far that the other one never catches up.

## A LIBERAL PROPOSITION.

The Lexington correspondent in the Richmond Dispatch says:

In view of the entrance examinations now required in order to matriculate at the Washington and Lee University and the good results obtained at several preparatory schools where pupils have followed the course necessary to pass the entrance examinations of this institution, the University purposes offering to teachers, chiefly in the public schools, and to others preparing to become teachers, the following courses in the subjects of preparatory instruction: (1) English, (2) Geography and History of the United States, (3) Mathematics, (4) Latin, (5) Greek.

These courses are designed to give a review in these subjects, as well as an opportunity for mutual comparison of methods. They will be open from May 10th to June 8th of the present year; they may be entered at any time during that period, and there are no fees of any description.

These courses are given by the professors individually. They will be held by courtesy in the University buildings, but have no official recognition by the University. They are open to men and women alike.

The course in English will be given by Professor W. S. Currier, and that in History of the United States by Professor H. A. White. The course in Mathematics will be by Professor A. L. Nelson; in Latin, by Professor E. W. Fay, and in Greek, by Professor A. Hogue. In addition to the special courses, teachers will be invited to sit as guests in any of the classes of the University. All the expense attached will be for books, which those attending will supply for themselves, and for board, which can be had at reasonable rates in the town.

## THE DAVIS MEMORIAL.

A memorial window to the memory of President Jefferson Davis was unveiled April 17, with appropriate, though simple ceremonies in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Richmond. Mrs. Davis was present and occupied the old pew of the Davis family.

Rev. Wm. M. Dime, D. D., of Baltimore, preached the sermon, and among other things, said:

"Jefferson Davis had four titles to the reverence of mankind and to be held in everlasting remembrance by his own people in the South. Let me briefly suggest them to your minds. The first title to such remembrance is that he was the called and chosen and faithful representative of a nation, unique in history, and of a cause impressively sacred to us. His second title to our tender memory is that he was a representative of his people in suffering. His third title to our remembrance is the stay and support he gave to his people in those hard years just after the war. His fourth title to be held in remembrance by the world, and above all by the Southern race, is that he gave Robert E. Lee to the South and to the world."

## Don't Invite Sickness

Which is better, to thoroughly cleanse and purify the blood just now, or make yourself liable to the many dangerous ailments which are so prevalent during summer? Impurities have been accumulating in the blood all winter, and right now is the time to get rid of them. A thorough course of Swift's Specific is needed to cleanse the blood and purify the system, toning up and strengthening it all over. Those who take this precaution now are comparatively safe all summer; but to neglect it is to invite some form of sickness which is so common during the trying hot season. It is now that a course of Swift's Specific

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*Samuel Pitcher, M.D.*

## Do Not Be Deceived.

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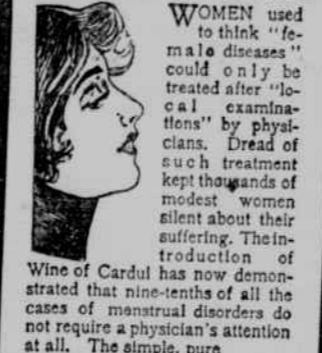
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